ALLAN QUATERNAIN.

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CHAPTER VI.-CONTINUED.

n was now nearly I o'clock in the morning. and the spies reported that, after having drunk the blood of the oxen and eaten enormous quantities of meat, the Masai were going to sleep round their watch fires, but that sentries had been posted at each opening of the kraal. Flossie, they added, was sitting not far from the wall in the center of th western side of the kraal, and by her were the nurse and the white donkey, which was teth-ered to a peg. Her feet were bound with a rope, and warriors were lying about all round

As there was absolutely nothing further that could be done then we all took som supper and went to he down for a couple of

The bed whereon I lay was near an open window that looked on to the veranda through which came an extraordinary soun of groaning and weeping. For a time I could not make out what it was, but at last I got up, and putting my head out of the windo stared about. Presently I saw a dim figure kneeling on the end of the veranda and beat-ing his breast—in which I recognized Al-phonse. Not being able to understand his French talk or what on earth he was at, I called to him and asked him what he was

"Ah, monsieur," he sighed, "I do make prayer for the souls of those whom I shall slay to-night."
"Indeed," I said; "then I wish that you

would do it a little more quietly."

Alphonse retreated, and I beard no more Alphonse retreated and I near no more of his grouns. And so the time passed, till at length Mr. Mackenzie called me in a whisper through the window, for of course everything had now to be done in the most absolute silence. "Three o'clock," he said; we must begin to move at half past."

I told him to come in, and presently be entered, and I am bound to say that if it had not been that just then I had not got a laugh anywhere about me, I should have exploded at the sight he presented armed for battle. To begin with, he had on a clergyman's black swallow tail and a kind of broad rimmed black felt hat, both of which he had donned ount, he said, of their dark color. In his band was the Winchester repeating rifle we had lent him; and stuck in an elastic cricketing belt, like those worn by English boys, were, first, a huge buckhorn handled carving knife with a guard to it, and next a

long barreled Colt's revolver.

"Ah, my friend," he said, seeing me staring at his belt, "you are looking at my 'carver. I thought it might come in handy if we came to close quarters; it is excellent steel, and many is the pig I have killed with it."

By this time everybody was up and dres-ing. I put on a light Norfolk jacket over my mail shirt, in order to have a pocket handy to hold my cartridges, and buckled on my revolver. Good did the same; but Sir Henry put on nothing except his mail shirt, steel lined cap and a pair of "veldtschoons" or soft hide shors, his legs being bare from the knees down. His revolver he strapped on round his middle outside the arm

Meanwhile Umslopogaas was mustering be men in the square under the big tree, and the men in the square under the big tree, and going the rounds to see that each was properly armed, etc. At the last moment we me change. Finding that two of the men who were to have gone with the firing parties knew little or nothing of guns, but were good spearsmen, we took away their rifles, supplied them with abields and long spears of the Masai pattern, and told them off to join Curtis, Umslopognas and the Askari in holding the wide opening—it hav-ing become clear to us that three men, however brave and strong, were too few for the

CHAPTER VII

A SLAUGHTER GRIM AND GREAT. Then came a pause, and we stood there in the chilly, silent darkness waiting till the moment came to start. It was, perhaps, the most trying time of all—that slow, slow quarter of an hour. The minutes seemed to drag along with leaden feet, and the quiet, the solemn hush, that brooded over all—big, as it were, with a coming fate-was most oppressive to

world in darkness save for a faint gray tinge in the eastern sky that palely beraided the coming dawn.

Mr. Mackenzie stood, watch in hand, his

wife clinging to his arm and striving to stifle

"Twenty minutes to four," he said; "it ought to be light enough to attack at twenty min-utes past four. Capt. Good had better be moving; he will want three or four minutes

Good gave one final polish to his eyeglass, nodded to us in a jocular sort of way—which I could not help feeling it must have cost him something to muster up—and, ever polite, took off his stad lined cap to Mrs. Mackenzie and started for his position at the head of the kraal, to reach which he had to make a detour by some paths known to the natives.

Just then one of the boys came in and reported that everybody in the Masai camp, with the exception of the two sentries who were walking up and down in front of the respective entrances, appeared to be fast asieep.

Moved beyond myself, I brought the butt end
Then the rest of us took the road. First
of my rifle down on the pit of the Frenchcame the guide, then Sir Henry, Umslopo-guas, the Wakwafi Askari and Mr. Mackengains, the wakwan askarr and arr ancaem out, as he doubled up, he manages to let on his gun in such a manner that the builet spears and shields. I followed immediately after with Alphonse and five natives, all armed with guns, and Mr. Mackenzie brought both sides of the kraal broke out a waving

up the rear with the six remaining natives.

The cattle kraal where the Masai were ing with a snap shot camped by at the foot of the hill on which to knock over my the house stood, or, roughly speaking, about 800 yards from the mission buildings. The first 500 yards of this distance we traversed just as he was jumping up. Then quietly indeed, but at a good pace; after that we crept forward as silently as a leopard on his prey, gliding like ghosts from bush to bush and stone to stone. When I had gone a little way I chanced to look behind me, and saw way I chanced to look featind me, and saw the redoubtable Alphones staggering along with white face and trambling knees, and his riffe, which was at full cock, pointed directly at the small of my back. Having halted, and carefully put the rifle at "safety," we started again, and all went well till we were within 100 yands or so of the treat. 100 yards or so of the kraal, when his teeth never

100 yards or so of the kraal, when his teeth began to chatter in the most aggressive way.

"If you don't stop that, I will kill you," I with an universal howl of terror and all our lives specified to a chatter that the state of the state o all our lives sacrificed to a tooth chattering fury the brawny cook was too much for me. I began to fear that he would betray us, and heartily wished within the kraal we had left him behind.

e had left him behind.

"But, monsieur, I cannot belp it," he anfeet, many of them swered; "it is the cold." Here was a dilemma; but fortunately I de-twised a plan. In the pocket of the coat I had directed hall of lead on was a small piece of dirty rag that 1 had | before "Put this in your mouth," I whispered again, giving him the rag; "and if I bear another sound you are a dead man." I knew that that and then hearing would stifle the clatter of his teeth. I must the cries and curses have looked as if I meant what I said, for he that rose unceasinstantly obeyed me and continued his jour-

Then we crept on again. were within fifty yards of the kraal. Between us and it was an open space of sloping grass, with only one mimosa bash and a couple of tussocks of a sort of fire with terrible effect into the thickening thistic for cover. We were still hidden in mob as fast as we could load. I had emptied fairly thick bush. It was beginning to grow my repeater of the ten shots it contained, and his tracks with the peculiar swallow like molight. The stars had paled and a sickly gleam played about the east and was reflected on I bethought me of little Flossic. Looking up neared me I recognized in the Masai the the earth. We could see the outline of the I saw that the white donkey was lying kick kraal clearly enough, and could also make out the faint glimmer of the dying embers of our bullets or a Masai spear thrust. There

Miow, waiking pily un and down within five paces of the thorn stopped entrance. We had hoped to catch him napping, but it was not to be. He seemed particularly wide awake. If we could not kill that man, and kill him si-lently, we were lost. There we crouched and lown on his stomach like a snake and, taking an opportunity when the sentry's head was turned, begin to work his way through the

a little tune, and Umslopogaas crept on. He reached the shelter of the mimesa bush unperceived, and there waited. Still the sentry walked up and down. Presently he turned turned his eye fell upon this patch of thisties. and it seemed to strike him that it did not look quite right. He advanced a pace to-wards it—halted, yawned, stooped down, picked up a little pebble and threw it at it. It laft Umslopegaas upon the head, luckily not upon the armor shirt. Had it done so the clink would have betrayed us. Luckily too. the shirt was browned and not bright steel. which would certainly have been detected. Apparently satisfied that there was nothing wrong, he then gave over his investigation and contented himself with leaning on his spear and standing gazing idly at the tuft. For at least three minutes did he stand thus. plunged apparently in a gentle reverie, and there we lay in the last extremity of anxiety. expecting every moment that we should be discovered or that some untoward accident would happen. I could bear Alphonse's teeth ng like anything on the oiled rag, and ning my head round made an awful face at him. But I am bound to state that my own heart was at much the same game as the Frenchman's castanets, while the perspiration was pouring from my body, causing the wash leather lined shirt to stick to me unpleasantly, and altogether I was in the piti-

At last the ordeal came to an end. The entry glanced at the east and appeared to note with satisfaction that his period of duty was coming to an end-as indeed it was, once and for all-for he rubbed his hands and began to walk again briskly, to warm him

The moment his back was turned the long black snake glided on again and reached the other thistle tuft, which was within a couple

of paces of his return beat.

Back came the sentry, and strolled right past the tuft, utterly unconscious of the presence that was crouching behind it. Had he looked down he could scarcely have failed to

He passed, and then his hidden enemy erected himself and with outstretched hand followed in his tracks.

A moment more, and, just as the Elmoran was about to turn, the great Zulu made a spring, and in the growing light we could see his long, lean hands close round the Masni's throat. Then followed a convulsive twining of the two dark bodies, and in another second I saw the Masai's head bent back and heard a sharp crack, something like that of a dry twig snapping, and he fell down upon the ground, his limbs moving spasmodically.
Umslopogans had put out all his irenstrength and broken the warrior's neck.

For a moment be knelt upon his victim, till griping his throat till he was sure that there was nothing more to fear from him, and then he rose and beckened to us to advance, which we did on all fours, like a colony of huge apes. On reaching the kraal we saw that the Masai had still further choked this entrance, which was about ten feet wide —no doubt in order to guard against attack by dragging four or five tops of mimosa trees up to it. So much the better for us, I re-Sected; the more obstruction there was the slower would they be able to come through. Here we separated, Mackenzie and his party creeping up under the shadow of the wall to the left, while Sir Henry and Umslopognas took their stations one on each side of the thorn fence, the two spearmen and the Askari lying down in front of it. I and my men crept on up the right side of the kraal, which

was about fifty paces long.

When I was two-thirds up I halted, and placed my men at distances of four paces from one another, keeping Alphonse close to me, however. Then I peeped for the first nour. The minutes seemed to drag along me, however. Then I peeped for the first place over all—big, as it were, a coming fate—was most oppressive to a coming fate—was most oppressive to spirits.

In a coming fate—was most oppressive to spirits, and ever above the dim rose Good's awful time over the wall. It was getting fairly spell of encouragement as he plunged to wherever the fight was thickest; and ever, with an almost machine like regularity, the close by it I could make out the pale face of little Flossie, who was sitting as the lad had disablement at every stroke. But I could see the course of the had been getting nearer and nearer to the described, some ten paces from the wall, that the strain was beginning to tell on Sir borizon, now she finally sank, and left the Round ber lay many warriors, sleeping. At Henry, who was blessing from several flesh distances all over the surface of the kraal the most part gorged with food. Now and look at the east, which had now turned prim-rose; but none got up. I determined to wait another five minutes, both to allow the light to increase, so that we could make better shooting, and to give Good and his party, of whom I could see or hear nothing, every opportunity to make ready.

Suddenly, just as I was nerving myself for for the signal, having already selected my man on whom I meant to open fire—a great fellow sp awling on the ground within thre feet of little l'lossie-Alphonse's teeth began to chatter again like the boofs of a galloping giraffe, making a great noise in the silence The rag had dropped out in the agitation of his mind. Instantly a Masai within three paces of us woke, and, sitting up, gazed about him, looking for the cause of the sound, Moved beyond myself. I brought the butt end man's stomach. This stopped his chattering; but, as be doubled up, he managed to let off

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B. Small entrance to

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the kraal there rang an awful yell, in which I rejoiced to recognize Good's

to fall again be

OCCC, Wall of kraal 10d, Mr. Mackenzie six men. an a gun with. moved a yard. For Ec. Quatermain and six ingly from the top end of the kraal, and bewildered by

F. Good and ten men.
G. Curtis with four men.
H. Spot where sentry was killed.
OOO, Watch fires and sieeping Masai.
Flossie. the storm of bullets, they, as by one im-

APRE Second she rate to the wall of the grant and began to climb over it, an example which the little girl followed. But Flossie her and rushed toward her to kill her. watched him. Presently Umslopognas who her and rushed toward her to kill her. The And I did swear to hew thee limb from first fellow came up just as the poor little limb, thou insolent dog! Behold, I will do was a lew paces anead or me, turned and unade a sign, and next second I saw him go girl, after a desperate effort to climb the lown on his stomach like a snake and, taking wall, fell back into the kraal. Up flashed the great spear, and as it did so a built from my rifle found its home in the holder's ribs, and over he went like a shot rabbit. But behind him was the other man, and, alas, I had only The unconscious sentry commenced to hum that one cartridge in the magazine! Flossie had scrambled to her feet and was facing the second man, who was advancing with raised spear. I turned my head aside and felt sick as death. I could not bear to see him stal and looked over the wall into the camp. In her. Glancing up again, to my surprise I stantly the human snake who was stalking saw the Masai's spear lying on the ground, of the tussocks of the thistle like plant, reaching it as the Elmoran turned again. As he with both hands to his head. Suddenly I saw a puff of smoke, proceeding apparently from Flossie, and the man fell down head long. Then I remembered the Derringer pistol she carried, and saw that she had fired both barrels of it at him, thereby saving her life. In another instant she had made an effort, and assisted by the nurse, who was

> speaking, safe.
> All this takes some time to tell, but 1 do not suppose that it took more than fifteen onds to enact. I soon got the magazine of the repeater filled again with cartridges, and once more opened fire, not on the seething black mass which was gathering at the end of the kraal, but on fugitives who bethough of these men, moving down towards the end of the kraal as I did so, and arriving at the corner, or rather the bend of the oval, in time to see, and by means of my rifle to ssist in the mighty struggle that took place

lying on the top, had scrambled over the wall, and I knew that sae was, comparatively

By this time some 200 Masai-allowing that we had up to the present accounted for fifty -had gathered together in front of the thorn stopped entrance, driven thither by the spears of Good's men, whom they doubtless sup-posed were a large force instead of being but ten strong. For some reason it never oc-curred to them to try and rush the wall, which they could have scrambled over with comparative ease; they all made for the fence, which was really a strongly inter-woven fortification. With a bound the first warrior went at it, and even before he touched the ground on the other side I saw Sir Henry's great axe swing up and fall with awful force upon his feather head piece, and be sank into the middle of the thorns. Then, with a yell and a crash, they began to break through as they might, and ever as they came the great axe swung and lukosi-kaas flashed, and they fell dead one by one, each man thus helping to build up a barrier against his fellows. Those who escaped the axes of the pair fell at the hands of the Askari and the two mission Kaffirs, and those who pass scathless from them were brought low by my own and Mackenzie's fire.

Faster and more furious grew the fighting. Single Masai would spring upon the dead bodies of their comrades, and engage one or other of the axmen with their long spears, but, thanks chiefly to the mail shirts, the result was always the same.

Good and his men were quite close by no and our people had to cease firing into the mass for fear of killing some of them (as it was, one of them was slain in this way). Mad and desperate with fear, the Masai by a frantic effort burst through the thorn fence and piled up dead, and sweeping Curtis, pogans, and the other three before broke into the open. And now it was that we began to lose men fast. Down went our poor Askari who was armed with the ax, a great spear standing out a foot behind his back; and before long the two spearsmen who had stood with him went down too, dying fighting like tigers, and others of our party shared their fate. For a moment I feared the fight was lost—certainly it trembled down their rifles, and to take spears and throw themselves into the meice. They throw themselves into obeyed, their blood being now thoroughly up, and Mr. Mackenzie's people followed their

This move had a momentary good result, but still the fight long in the balance. Our people fought magnificently, burling themselves upon the dark mass of Elmoran, hewing, thrusting, slaying and being slain, wounds; his breath was coming in gasps, and the veins stood out on his forehead like blue were the remains of fires, round each of the veins stood out on his forebead like blue which slept some five and twenty Masai, for and knotted cords. Even Umslopogaas, man then a man would raise himself, yawn, and myself did not go into the melce, but hovered outside like the swift "back" in a football scrimmage, putting a bullet through a Masai whenever I got a chance. I was more use so.

Presently, do as we would, the beam of the balance began to rise against us. We had not more than fifteen or sixteen effectives left vivors, they were, with the exception of my now, and the Masal had at least fifty. Of self, who had never come to close quarters course, if they had kept their heads, and red from head to foot—Sir Henry's armor might have been painted that color—and have made an end of the matter; but that is utterly exhausted, except Umslopogaas, who, just what they did not do, not having yet re-covered from their start, and some of them dead, leaning as usual upon his ax, did not having actually fled from their sleeping seem particularly distressed, although the places without their weapons. Still, by now skin over the hole in his head pulpitated visplaces without their weapons. Sun, by many individuals were fighting with their lently.

"Ah, Macumazahn!" he said to me as I was a sun of tool thee that closed in desperate struggie. Presently, locked in a close embrace, missionary and Masai rolled on to the ground behind the wall, and for some time I, being amply occu"Koos!" answered the Zulu, deeply pleased pied with my own affairs, and in keeping my both at the gift and the compliment. Thou, skin from being pricked, remained in ignor-too, Incuba, didst bear thyself as a man, but skin from being pricked, remained in ignor-ance of his fate or how the duel had ended.

and the matter began to look very bad for us.

and we were all greatly relieved when one of the men said he had seen her flying towards pened. Umslopogaas, either by accident or the house with her nurse. Then bearing such design, broke out of the ring and engaged a of the wounded as could be moved at the mowarrior at some few paces from it. As he ment with us, we slowly made our way todid so, another man ran up and struck him wards the mission house, spent with toil and with all his force between the shoulders with bloodshed, but with the glorious sense of vic his great spear, which, falling on the tough tory against overwhelming odds glowing in steel shirt, failed to pierce it and rebounded. For a moment the man stared aghast—pro- little maid and taught the Masai of those tective armor being unknown among thes

brained his man, and then the panic spread

On the last scene of that dreadful fight I in a few brief words I had told her the upneed not dwell. It was a slaughter great and shot of the struggle of which Flossic, who grim, in which no quarter was asked or given. had arrived in safety, had been able to ex-One incident, however, is worth detailing. plain something), she came up to me and sol-Just as I was hoping that it was all done with, suddenly, from under a heap of slain where he had been hiding, an unwounded where he had been name, an unwounded warrior sprang up and, clearing the piles of dying and dead like an antelope, sped like the wind up the kraal toward the spot where I was standing at the monent. But he was not alone, for Umslopegaas came gliding on his tracks with the peculiar swallow like motion for which he was noted, and as they neared me I recognized in the Masai the herald of the previous night. Finding that kraal clearly enough, and could also make out the faint glimmer of the dying embers of the Masai spear thrust. There the Masai camp fires. We halted and watched for the sentry we knew was posted at the opening. Presently he appeared, a fine tail cutting the rope that bound Flossie's feet.

ing, having been knocked over either by one out the faint glimmer of the dying embers of our bullets or a Masai spear thrust. There were no living Masai near, but the black give battle. Unslopegas also pulled up. "All, ah," he cried, in mockery, to the Ellipsial Company of the sentry we knew was posted at the opening. Presently he appeared a fine tail cutting the rope that bound Flossie's feet.

night—the Lygonam, the bessid, the capturer of little girls—he who would kill a little girl, And thou delst hope to stand man to man and was evidently very stiff and cramped, and face to face with Umslopsgaas, an Induna of could only go slowly, and as she went two the tribe of the Maquilishi, of the people of the Amazulut Behold, thy prayer is granted! And I did swear to bew the

if even now!"

The Masai ground his teeth with fury and charged at the Zulu with his spear. As he came, Umslopogaas deftly stepped aside, and swinging Inkost kans high above his head with both hands, brought the broad blade down with such fearful force from behind upon the worked out an experiment in the education Masai's shoulder, just where the neck is set and bringing up of pauper children which into the frame, that its razor edge shore right is of exceptional interest. Few of the through bone and desh and muscle, almost holders of the mansions of Kensington and into the frame, that its razor edge shore right severing the head and one arm from the Chelsea are aware of the fact that as they

ing the corpse of his foe; "I have kept my tropolis they pass within a mile of a free word. It was a good stroke."

CHAPTER VIII.

ALPHONSE EXPLAINS. me that I had seen nothing of Alphonse since sea breezes to which they are hastening, the moment, some twenty minutes before— To minds unfamiliar with the facts as to for though this fight has taken a long while to describe, it did not take long in reality—the knowledge that from these two when I had been forced to hit him in the parishes in the wealthy West End there wind with the result of nearly getting myself are no less than 700 pauper children to be shot. Fearing that the poor little man had cared fer, and, if possible, made into useperished in the battle, I began to hunt about ful citizens. among the dead for his bedy; but not being
At Banstead an attempt is being made
able either to see or bear anything of it, I concluded that he must have survived and advantages. On the high lands near walked down the side of the kraal where we had first taken our stand, calling him by name. Now, some fifteen paces back from together with schools, hospitals, a church and the recessary administrative build. the kraal wall stood a very ancient tree of and the necessary administrative buildthe banyan species. So ancient was it that ings, on the twenty-seven acres which all the inside had in the course of ages de-cayed away, leaving nothing but a shell of throughout the length of the site and the

wail-"Alphonse Oui, monsieur," answered a voice. "Here am L' I looked round, but could see nobody.

Where?" I cried. "Here am I, monsieur, in the tree."

I looked, and there, peering out of a hole in the trunk of the banyan about five f.et from the ground, I saw a pale face and a pair of large mustaches, one clipped short and the other as lamentably out of curl as the tail of a newly whipped pug. Then, for the first time, 1-realized what I had suspected before -namely, that Alphonse was an arrant coward. I walked up to him. "Come out of that hole," I said.

Is it finished, monsieur?" he asked, anx-

"quite finished? Ah, the horrors I have undergone, and the prayers I have uttered!"

"Come out, you little skunk," I said, for I did not feel amiable; "it is all over." "So, monsieur, then my prayers have prevailed. I emerge;" and be did.

Thoroughly disgusted, I left Alphonse to look after humself, which he did by following me like a shadow, and proceeded to join the others by the large entrance. The first thing that I saw was Mackenzie, seated on a stone, with a handkerchief twisted round his thigh, from which he was bleeding freely, having indeed received a spear thrust that passed right through it, and still holding in his hand his favorite carving knife; now bent nearly double, from which I gathered that he had en successful in his rough and tumble with the Elmoran.

bling, excited voice, "so we have conquered but it is a sorry sight, a sorry sight!" and then, breaking into broad Scotch, and glane

ing at the bent knife in his hand, "It fashes me sair to hae bent my best carver on the breastbane of a savage," and he laughed hysterically. Poor fellow! what between his wound and the killing excitement be had undergone, his nerves were much shaken, and no wonder. It is hard upon a man of peace and kindly heart to be called upon to joir in such a grew-ome business. But there, fate puts us sometimes into very ironical positions At the kraal entrance the scene was

strange on a. The slaughter was over by now, and the wounded men had been put out of their pain, for no quarter had been given. The bush closed entrance had been trampled flat, and in place of busines it was filled with the bodies of dead men. Dead men, everywhere dead men; they lay about in knots they were flung by ones and twos in every position upon the open spaces, for all the world like the people on the grass in one of the London parks on a particularly hot Sun-day in August. In front of this entrance, on a space which had been cleared of dead, and in all directions as they had fallen or been thrown from the hands of their owners, stool and lay the survivors of the awful struggle, study on their young minds. The misand at their feet were four wounded men We had gone into the fight thirty strong, and of the thirty but fifteen remained alive, and five of them (including Mr. Mackenzie) whenever I got a chance. I was more use so, I fired forty-nine cartridges that morning, and I did not miss many shots.

Description has a restrict the hour of the control had lost two killed and Mackenzie no less than five out of the six with him. As for the sur

was sufficient to defeat us. To make matters imped up, feeling very sick, "I told thee that worse just then, when Mackenzie's rifle was it would be a good fight, and it has. Never empty a brawny savage, armed with a have I seen a better, or one more bravely "sime," or sword, made a rush for him. The fought. As for this iron shirt, surely it is clergyman flung down his gun, and drawing 'tagati' '(bewitched); 'nothing could pierce it, his huge carver from his elastic belt (his revolver had dropped out in the fight), they have been there," and he nodded toward the

mee of his fate or how the duel had ended.

To and fro surged the fight, slowly turning thou dost waste thy streigh." round like the vortex of a human whiripool, Just then Mackenzie asked about Fiossie

parts a lesson that they will not forget for tective armor being unknown among the tribes—and then he yelled out at the top of this voice:

| Painfully we made our way up the hill "They are devils!-bewitched, bewitched!" which, but a little more than an hour before, and seized by a sudden panic, he threw down we had descended under such different cirhis spear and began to fly. I cut short his camstances. At the gate of the wall stood career with a builet, and Umslopognas Mrs. Mackenzie waiting for us. When her eyes fell upon us, however, she shrieked out and covered her face with her hands, crying; "Bewitched, bewitched!" they cried, and "Horrible!" Nor were her fears tried to escape in every direction, utterly alloyed when she discovered her worthy husdemoralized and broken spirited—for the most band being borne upon an improvised part even throwing down their shields and stretcher; but her doubts as to the nature of his injury were soon set at rest. Then, when

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PAUPER CHILDREN.

INTERESTING EXPERIMENT GOING ON AT BANSTEAD, ENGLAND.

Successful Attenut to Combine Effective Control with Ample Home Advantages. Results of the System-Personal Comfort, Education, Diet and Clothing. At Banstead, in Surrey, there is being

body.
"Ou!" ejaculated Umslopogaas, contemplattakes them to Brighton from the dirty me hold estate in which they have an undi-vided share, and on which is being carried out a scheme for giving health and vigor to the minds of the pauper children of ALPHONSE EXPLAINS.

And so the fight was ended. On turning ful results in its own field as ever they infrom this shocking scene it suddenly struck dividually obtained from the invigorating

houses and other buildings are arranged "Alphonse!" I called, as I walked down the on each side in a roomy, tasteful manner.
Ten of these houses are set apart for boys and the remaining thirteen for the girls Over each of the boys' houses are a house father and a house mother, who are mar-ried. The father follows some trade or occupation which is of use to the village and its occupants. One is a carpenter, another is a tailor, while the others re-spectively follow their callings as smith, plumber, shoemaker, baker, gardener and bandmaster. Over each of the girls houses is a house mother. Each of the boys' houses is occupied by thirty-eight boys, and each of the girls' houses by twenty-four girls. The house mother performs the duties of the home in her own particular way. Every week she sends to the store and obtains her week's supply of groceries. She cooks for her children at her own fire and is assisted by them. She does part of the washing for her large family. The children wash the deor, clean the dishes, sweep out the rooms and perform the other household duties under her direction. On the ground floor are the kitchen, general room, lavatory and the house mother's room

Up stairs are the bedrooms. The children sleep in two rooms and each has a separate bed. The good old rule of "early to bed and early to rise" is strictly followed. When the children are out of school they are not made to sit on forms against a wall with their arms folded and their toes turned out, staring into va-cancy, as used to be the case; but they are turned out into the house grounds, to scamper and play at their own games and to shout and be boys and girls like other children. The house fathers cut toys for their boys, repair their playthings and assist them in their little enterprises, just as a real father does for his ow of the children have animals which they have purchased with the hoarded pennies they received at chance times, and they are encouraged to tend them well and are given facilities for keeping them. Others of them have fenced off little gardens, where they raise hardy annual and shrubs. The home life is necessarily not so free as that enjoyed by children in more fortunate circumstances, but there can be no doubt that the main characteristics of it

are there.

The education of these children is undertaken in a most praiseworthy spirit. The schools are examined every year by the inspectors of the education department, and have secured satisfactory re-ports as to the standard of efficiency and the thoroughness of the teaching. As one passed through the boys' school and its class rooms the eye met the familiar sums set as exercises, just as they used to bother one in the school days gone by. The girls' school is conducted on modern lines. In the infants' school there was the same thoroughness shown, as also provision for relieving the strain of tress played "See Saw" on a plane in the schoolroom, while the children went through a series of exercises such as hands up, on shoulders, stretch out and down, to the rhythm of the music. The greater part of the clothes are made

on the site, and the whole of the bread baked there. The washing also is done in the village laundry or in the houses It is practically a self contained hamlet, with its own roads, sewers and seware farm within its borders. As the children get up in years they are told off to assist the skilled fathers and mothers in their trades. During the three years ended 1884, 130 of the children were placed in situations as apprentices or at service, and commenced an independent life on their own account. Of the fifty-nine boysome went as hairdressers and pages, and others were divided over eleven other trades. Of the seventy-one girls, sixtynine went as servants, one as a hairdresser and one as a dressmaker. As far as the managers have been able to trace them in their subsequent life, they have conducted themselves with credit to their training. The schools have been in full work for five years, and though that is not a sufficient period to pronounce definitely as to ultimate results of the cottage homesystem, as it 's called, yet it is long eno to bear most encouraging fruit and the

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